

Lieutenant Colonel Richard D. Hall USMC

*COMMANDING OFFICER,
TASK FORCE
2^D BATTALION, 7TH MARINE REGIMENT
1ST MARINE DIVISION*

Lieutenant Col. Richard Hall joined the U.S. Marine Corps on Nov. 12, 1976. He attended recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego where he was subsequently transferred to the Second 2d Marine Division. He finished his enlistment while serving with 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, and was honorably discharged on Aug. 1, 1980.

Enlisting a second time on July 17, 1982, LtCol. Hall reported and served with Headquarters Squadron, MCAS (H) Tustin, Calif., until he was selected for the Marine Enlisted Commissioning Education Program (MECEP) in March 1985. After completing MECEP Preparatory School, he was transferred to the University of Washington where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and received his commission on March 18, 1988. He then transferred to Quantico, Va., where he attended The Basic School and the Infantry Officer's Course before receiving orders to the 1st Marine Division.



Lieutenant Col. Hall reported to 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, where he served as a weapons platoon commander, rifle platoon commander, company executive officer, and battalion adjutant. After participating in Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm and two WESTPAC deployments, LtCol. Hall was ordered to Marine Corps Security Force Company, Concord, Calif., where he served as guard/security officer and executive officer until the unit's decommissioning on March 24, 1994. He then transferred to Quantico, Va., where he served as commanding officer, Service Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion until August 1995. He subsequently attended Command and Control Systems School receiving follow-on orders to Twentynine Palms, Calif., where he served first as the battalion logistics officer and then as commanding officer, Company F, 2d Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment. In June 1998, LtCol. Hall transferred back to Quantico, Va., where he served as the branch head of Science & Technology for the Office of Science and Innovation (OSI) at Marine Corps Combat Development Command. From 1999 to 2001, he served as the commanding officer, Combat Instructor Company, Instructor Battalion at The Basic School. LtCol. Hall then attended Command and Staff College, graduating with distinction. He was then ordered to 29 Palms where he served as the executive officer for 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment during its deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF I).

Upon returning from Iraq in October 2003, LtCol. Hall transferred to the Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command (MAGTFTC) where he served as the future plans officer, Operations & Training Directorate, where he led the inaugural Urban Operations initiatives at 29 Palms. He was subsequently re-assigned to Headquarters Company, 7th Marine Regiment, serving as the executive officer, 7th Marine Regiment until his transfer in June 2005 to Fort Benning, Ga., where he served as the commanding officer of the Marine Detachment until his transfer back to 29 Palms, Calif. He currently serves as the commanding officer, 2d Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, now operating in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

His personal decorations include: Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (Second Award), Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V" (Third Award), Navy Achievement Medal (Second Award), Combat Action Ribbon (Second Award), and the Good Conduct Medal (Third Award).

Lieutenant Col. Hall is originally from Mankato, Minn., and is married to the former Miss Amy Klopp of Mankato, Minn. They currently reside aboard MAGTFTC and have ten children: Joshua, Rachel, Rebecca, Jacob, Hannah, Sarah, Josiah, Leah, Marah, and Elijah.